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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Traffic and Parking Violations. Fees. Initiative Statute

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative has received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS. FEES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.
Eliminates fines for parking violations and most Vehicle Code infractions. Requires community service instead of fines; suspends penalties for infrequent violators. Makes convictions of designated infractions confidential; exempt from violation point count system. Prohibits automated enforcement of violations; makes such evidence inadmissible. Specifies procedures for: towing unattended vehicles, declaring vehicles abandoned, proceeding to trial. Prohibits fees to park on publicly maintained roads. Limits parking restrictions on public roadways. Provides driver's license fee shall not exceed \$15; annual vehicle registration fee shall not exceed \$100 for noncommercial vehicles.

The proponent, Robert Ridley, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for his measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is Monday, December 29, 2003. The proponent can be reached at (818) 612-0357.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.

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